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Bob Kleiman and David Lawrence came to see me this morning. Lawrence has just arrived from Geneva and was charged with news and opinions. I have known him since he was an ardent disciple of Woodrow Wilson. He has changed and soured over the years.

Lester Markel, of the New York Times called on me later in the morning. He is wise and well-informed.

I lunched in the canteen and afterwards had a talk with Jim Hunt about the French situation.

I telephoned Jean Monnet in Luxembourg and we are to meet in Paris this week end.

Jim Conant telephoned me from Bonn. It seems Sauvagnargues appeared in Bonn yesterday and tried to reopen with the Chancellor the agreement on the Saar made by Adenauer and Teitgen. I told Jim I thought nothing of this sort should be done, and referred him to the telegram I had sent on the subject following my conversation with de Staercke. Jim said he would send a telegram giving a more complete statement of what had occurred in Bonn than was possible for him to do on the phone.

I went to have my clothes fitted at Lanvin, and we dined tonight with the Larivières at their beautiful house in Rue de Varenne. The Alain de Rothschilds, Madame L'Epee, the Pierre David-Weils, Paule de Beaumont, the Pharamonds, Guillaume Guindey, Edouard Bonnefous, and quite a few others were there. I had a long talk with Bonnefous after dinner. He is strongly anti-EDC although [redacted] pro-NATO, favors almost any deal by the French which will obtain a cease-fire in Indo-China, says the situation in Morocco is extremely bad, and, generally speaking, France is far too over-extended to meet any of its foreign commitments properly. He is a man of talent but vacillating and pliable.

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